

Society

LAST week opened in a blaze of glory and closed in the same fashion, with a brilliant ball at either end, and innumerable dances, dinners, and other important functions, including the diplomatic reception at the White House, in between. The charity ball, probably the most brilliant in the history of the Children's Hospital, was an auspicious opening on Monday night, and the cotillion last evening in honor of the first young lady of the land was a fitting close.

There is no prospect of a cessation of gaieties just yet, for charity affairs on the schedule are still numerous, balls are frequent, and dinners too many to count. Miss Taft is still the busiest of the feted young women. Her dates are full to Ash Wednesday, and the season closes with the month of February.

The opening of the popular Riding Club, which has among its members the President, some of the Cabinet, and many officials, in addition to the very large membership of smart residents of the Capital who spend only a few months of the winter here, was one of the most brilliant gatherings of society and was a sort of halfway spot between the dinners and the dances of the Secretary of the Navy and the Wadsworths. This made it necessary for many of the women in the great company to appear in their very best evening clothes and jewels, making an effect the Riding Club might not otherwise have had. The club was a great satisfaction to the members, and elicited much flattering comment from the guests, and already the talk is rife for enlarging the ring, the necessity of which was clear on this occasion.

Miss Taft, who is standing the strenuous season wonderfully well, and indeed seems to improve under it all the time, has an interesting week before her, beginning to-morrow morning, when a trip is planned for her to a horseback ride in the Green Spring Valley, with Passed Assistant Surgeon Cary T. Grayson as host and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth as chaperone. They expect to go by rail to Baltimore, where their horses will await them. They will then ride through the Green Spring Valley, where the smart folk of Baltimore live and have their Country Club, with luncheon at the clubhouse, and return to Baltimore by the train. They will then ride to the Green Spring Valley, with Passed Assistant Surgeon Cary T. Grayson as host and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth as chaperone. They expect to go by rail to Baltimore, where their horses will await them. They will then ride through the Green Spring Valley, where the smart folk of Baltimore live and have their Country Club, with luncheon at the clubhouse, and return to Baltimore by the train.

The diplomatic corps has had many interesting additions the last few weeks, not only of newly accredited representatives and secretaries, but even of the newly born, and in four different legations just now there are young infants, arrived within the season. Mrs. Ritter's return to the Swiss Legation to join her husband and older son brought back the newest of these diplomatic infants. Her young son was born about six weeks ago in their home in Switzerland. The other young hopefuls are in the family of the Charge d'Affaires of Brazil and Mme. de Lima e Silva; the Attache of the Russian Embassy and Mme. de Struve, and the Chinese Minister's son, Mr. Henry Chang.

The most interesting diplomats recently arrived are the family of the Turkish Ambassador, Yussouf Zia Pasha, his son and daughter-in-law, the Second Secretary of the Embassy and Mme. Zia. The last mentioned is a Virginia girl, formerly Miss Cary, of Richmond, a most attractive young woman, upholding the traditions of her State for lovely womanhood. She will be the first to open to society the Turkish Embassy in any country.

To be sure, the regime of the former counselor and charge d'affaires, A. Rusten Boy, was a gay one for the embassy, and marked the first entertainments given there. It was bachelor hall then, and very different from having a charming hostess in the embassy. Mme. Zia is arranging now for her day at home, to begin very shortly when she will have with her not only her sister, Miss Cary, of Virginia, who is her guest, but her young sister-in-law, Miss Zia, daughter of the Ambassador, who will be a debutante of next season, or would be if she were an American girl. She will assist at the reception of her sister, and verify a new epoch for Turkey will be marked. She, like her American sister-in-law, wears European dress, and among the Turkish women do now. The Ambassador and his daughter both speak English, but the former is much more accomplished in it than either his son or his daughter.

It is interesting to note that Turkey has followed the custom which most of her European sister powers find a good excuse for sending to their embassies secretaries who have American wives. Mme. Zia was married to her husband abroad, where she has spent much of her young life, and they came to this country on their wedding trip. Miss Cary, their relative in and around Richmond, they also visited Washington, so that they are not here as entire strangers. Mme. Zia and her sister made their first appearance in society here at the diplomatic reception last Tuesday evening, as their baggage had not arrived so they could be presented at the New Year's reception.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Miss Taft was the guest of honor at a dinner dance given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean in their home, at the junction of I street, Fifteenth street, and Vermont avenue. Covers were laid for 100 at dinner, and several hundred others were asked for a cotillion following.

The cotillion was led by Mr. Preston Gibson and Mr. George Howard.

The Colonial School has issued invitations for a historic lecture song recital by Mrs. Benjamin Lathrop on Wednesday afternoon, January 25, at 4 o'clock.

Chapter B. P. E. O. will be at home with Miss McCoy, dean of Leocadia College, 3517 Thirtieth street northwest, January 18, from 3 to 6 o'clock, when they will be glad to greet their friends.

Several luncheon parties were given at the Washington Country Club during the past week, and next Saturday evening the club will give a dance.

CHATELAINE OF TURKISH EMBASSY.



MME. ZIA.
American wife of first secretary of Turkish Embassy, daughter-in-law of the Ambassador.

Miss Ida Thompson, presiding in the dining-room were Mrs. Charles D. Norton, wife of the Secretary to the President, Mrs. Charles Wood, Miss May Williams, and Miss Mabel Boardman. Some of the younger set, including Miss Carol Newberry, Miss Doris Haywood, Miss Gladys Hinchey, Miss Sophy Johnson, and Miss Frances Noyes also assisted. The debutante wore a white frock of white duchess lace over white satin and touches of pink ribbon. Mrs. Foster received a number of guests in the drawing-room with an overdraw of gold lace.

The second navy yard hop of the season took place last night at the yard. There were a number of dinner parties preceding the event. The committee in charge of the dances included Commander Hilary P. Jones, U. S. N., chairman; Lieut. Charles Russell Train, U. S. N., of the Stiph; Capt. Logan, of the Mayflower; Lieut. Richard Wainwright, Jr., and Lieut. Tombs.

Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson, wife of Justice Anderson, entertained at a card party Friday evening in honor of her house guest, Mrs. George L. Lilley, wife of the late governor of Connecticut. Among the guests were Mrs. John W. Weeks, wife of Representative Weeks, of Massachusetts; Miss Wood, sister of Representative Wood, of New Jersey, and Mrs. David H. Mercer, wife of former Representative Mercer.

Mrs. M. J. Colbert was hostess at a large and brilliant reception yesterday, from 4 to 7 o'clock, in compliment to her house guest, Miss Mary Whitler Shields, of Pittsburgh, and her debutante niece, Miss Marie Ray, of this city. Mrs. Charles H. Robb, wife of Justice Robb; Mrs. Henry B. Wilson, wife of Commander Wilson, U. S. N., and Mrs. George W. Ray assisted Mrs. Colbert in receiving her guests. Several dozens of this season and last, including Miss Mildred Bacon, Miss Alice Wright, Miss Christine Fox, Miss Marie Placer, and Miss Lillian Anderson, assisted also. The house was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, and Killarney roses in the drawing-room and reception hall, and Richmond roses and lilies of the valley in the dining-room.

An event that is already attracting marked attention among the social set of Washington is the forthcoming production of "The House that Jack Built" at the Columbia Theater, February 2, 3, and 10, for the benefit of the Confederate Home in this city. The company, which is already in rehearsal, will be composed of about 200 misses and children from the families of those prominent in Congressional, official, and social circles, and will represent the combined efforts of the chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy in this city, the Confederate Veterans, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, all of which organizations have appointed committees to co-operate with the central committee, over all of which is Mrs. C. D. Merwin.

The plans are most elaborate and contemplate the appointment of a committee in charge of every branch of the work. The first of the appointments to these committees was announced yesterday by Mr. Merwin, as follows: Executive committee, Mrs. Duncan U. Fletcher, wife of Senator Fletcher, U. S. S. N., chairman; Miss Margaret Martin, who will personally direct the production, and Mrs. John H. Bankhead, wife of the Senator from Alabama.

The press committee, with Mrs. Beverly Buchanan as chairman, will comprise Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the minority leader of the House; Miss Nellie Fletcher, daughter of Senator Fletcher; Miss Pennebaker; and Miss Stella Carusi, prominent debutantes; Miss Dorothy Smallwood, prominent in Washington society; Miss Myers, niece of Representative Needham, of California, and Mrs. Arnold V. Stubenrauch, wife of the pomologist of the Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Howell Smith is chairman of the talent committee. With Mrs. J. J. Somerville Harris as chairman, the ticket committee will be composed of Mrs. E. Sprigg Bell, Mrs. E. Z. Rollins, Mrs. Jennie Munroe, Miss Lucy Hudson, and Mrs. Arthur Givens. Other committees are in process of formation.

The St. Agnes class of the Catholic Women's Circle held its first bi-monthly meeting, under directorship of Mrs. Margaret L. Coope, on Wednesday last, at the residence of the class president, Miss Anna Malsak, 510 E street northeast. The life, legend, and history of St. Agnes, as sketched in the Catholic Encyclopedia, was read by Miss Malsak, following which a general conversation took place upon the distributed copies of the saint.

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informal dances to be held in the administration building on Saturday evening, February 11, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, and May 27.

The College Women's Club will entertain at 1219 Connecticut avenue to-morrow from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of Mr. E. C. Messer, who will give an informal talk on the present exhibit at Corcoran Art Gallery.

The Alexion Buchre Club held its semi-monthly meeting at the home of Miss Maud Leonard last Tuesday evening. Music and cards were enjoyed until a late hour, when refreshments were served. The prizes were won by Miss A. Hawkins and Mr. T. L. Phillips. Those present were the Misses A. Hawkins, M. Leonard, S. Walcott, M. Hawkins, E. Woolfs, E. T. Woolfs, and Messrs. J. Schoen, T. L. Phillips, H. P. Meldrum, J. Kelley, and C. Burgess.

Of the thirty-two chapters of the D. A. R. which belong to the District of Columbia, the Monticello Chapter, with its fifty-six members, shows the most rapid increase during the last two years and a most lively interest in all things patriotic. The chapter has done considerable settlement work, indorsed the movement against the form of the Constitution as it existed a year ago, and has donated liberally toward the erection and furnishing of the Continental Hall of the national society. The meetings are held at the home of the regent, Mrs. Mary Beach, and on Friday night the regular monthly meeting was held there, with Mrs. Hansmann as hostess. Three new members were admitted, Mrs. E. C. Messer, Mrs. C. Kirk, and Miss Barnes. The paper of the evening was read by Mrs. Truman Aldrich, the subject being "Old New York." Refreshments were served.

The Short Story Club held its first meeting of the new year Wednesday evening, at 522 Sixth street northwest. President William Tyler Page, presiding. An interesting programme was presented by Mrs. Annie A. White, opening with a mandolin solo, "Overture to William Tell," by Mr. Bell, who later favored the audience with "The Garden of Dreams." Mrs. Wilder being the accompanist.

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